

RESOLUTION NO. 02 -03

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH BAJA PIPELINE WHICH WILL PROVIDE GAS TO AS MUCH AS 3800 MEGAWATTS OF GENERATION FROM POWER PLANTS LOCATED ALONG THE BORDER BUT WITHIN MEXICO, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSMISSION LINES CONNECTING POWER PLANTS WITH MEXICO TO THE TRANSMISSION GRID WITHIN IMPERIAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, (hereinafter referred to as "City Council"), has been advised of the construction of the North Baja Pipeline across Imperial County to provide gas to numerous power plants in Mexico but adjacent to the border with Imperial County, California; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been advised of the construction of a 1000 megawatt plus power plant facility owned by InterGen, and associated transmission line associated with that facility to export power to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been advised of the construction of a 500 megawatt power plant facility owned by Sempra Energy, and associated transmission line project associated with that facility to export power to the United States; and

WHEREAS, if the North Baja Pipeline Project associated with InterGen and Sempra Energy power plants are approved, these facilities and others would be able to produce energy for export to the United States without fully controlling or mitigating air emissions from all power plant units and protecting the health of all citizens from harmful effects; and

WHEREAS, if the transmission line projects associated with InterGen and Sempra Energy power plants are approved, these facilities would be able to produce energy for export to the United States without fully mitigating air emissions from all power plant units; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been advised that the InterGen power plant will not utilize the equivalent of the California Best Available Control Technology (hereinafter referred to as "BACT") on all power plant units served or utilizing gas delivery through the North Baja Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been advised that the InterGen power plant will not meet the same California emission offset credit requirements for air quality needed to protect the health of the current and future residents of the Imperial and Mexicali Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it is in the best interest of the citizens of El Centro to oppose the construction of the North Baja Pipeline Project and associated transmission lines in Imperial County until appropriate mitigation measures are implemented for the InterGen power plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, resolves as follows:


1. That the City Council declares its opposition to the construction of the North Baja Pipeline Project in Imperial County until such time as California BACT is installed and maintained on all InterGen power plant units in Mexico served or utilizing gas delivery through the North Baja Pipeline, and the remaining air emissions are mitigated to meet the same California standards for air quality.

2. That the City Council declares its opposition to the construction of the transmission lines in Imperial County to be connected to the InterGen and Semptra Energy power plant facilities until such time as California BACT is installed and maintained on all such power plant units and emission offset obtained to reduce air emissions to meet California standards in order to protect the health of the current and future residents of the Imperial and Mexicali Valleys.

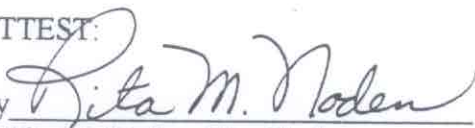
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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California held on the 16th day of January, 2002.

CITY OF EL CENTRO


By 
Larry Grogan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By 
Rita M. Noden, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


James L. Darrow, City Attorney

By 
Luis F. Hernandez, Associate

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) ss
CITY OF EL CENTRO)

I, Rita M. Noden, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 02-03 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 16th day of January, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES:	Castillo, Viegas-Walker, Grogan, Dunnam, Terrazas
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

By 
Rita M. Noden, City Clerk